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Application of: Langer, *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1617

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For: SEMI-INTERPENETRATING OR
INTERPENETRATING POLYMER
NETWORKS FOR DRUG DELIVERY
AND TISSUE ENGINEERING

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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ELECTION
REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the Election Requirement mailed July 12, 2002 (Paper No. 6), in connection with the above-captioned application. Enclosed herewith are Exhibits A (Claim Amendments: Pending Claims After Entry of the Instant Amendment).

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-8 without prejudice.

Please add Claims 12-23 to read as follows:

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12. (New) A method for making semi-interpenetrating or interpenetrating polymer networks, comprising: exposing a suspension of dissociated cells in a solution of a biocompatible polymer to free radicals generated by electromagnetic radiation from an electromagnetic source external to the suspension so that the electromagnetic radiation generates free radicals thereby forming the semi-interpenetrating or interpenetrating polymer networks.